

Thereas, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 13 - 17, 2006, as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our state and nation; and

Inhereus, international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

Interess, by participating in such programs our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and break down barriers to understanding and cooperation, which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

In hereas, we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and

Thereas, we encourage the citizens and institutions of Oklahoma to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 13–17, 2006, as

"International Education Week"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

